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WORKERS TO GET STATE AID FOR HOUSING

The Council of Ministers recently decided to give state aid to workers who agree to cooperate in the construction of their own low-cost housing. Organized in home-building associations, the workers can receive interest-free loans from the state. The state is also providing lots for the construction of the homes, with the right of perpetual use. The workers will also be entitled to an abatement of taxes while amortizing the loan.

The National Savings Bank State Enterprise will be responsible for organizing and controlling the home-building associations. The process of organizing the associations has already begun. Construction of homes for association members will begin shortly in Budapest and vicinity. Plans have already been drawn up for simply constructed, healthful houses. Plants in which home building associations are to be organized have already been announced.

The largest number of associations will be organized in the Miskolc-Diosgyor industrial region. In Ajka, the Hungarian-Soviet Aluminum Plant, the alumina factory, the Ajka Coal Mine State Enterprise, and the Magyar Dunantul Electrical State Enterprise have already begun organizing associations. The Steel Products Factory, the coal mines, the machine and iron foundry plant, and the glass factory at Salgotarjan; the Rimamurany Steel Works and the Coal Mine State Enterprises at Ozd; the Iron Plate Works at Borsodnadasd; and in Budapest, the Rakosi Works, the Budapest Factory Construction State Enterprise, the Magyar-Factory Construction State Enterprise, and the Ferroconcrete Factory Construction State Enterprises are also organizing associations. Construction of the homes will begin this year, and many of them can be occupied by the end of the year.

EXPERIMENT WITH PREFABRICATED HOUSING -- Budapest Friss Ujsag, 25 Jul. 50

The Pecs Construction State Enterprise attempted an innovation in the construction of miners' quarters at Meszes. This innovation, which may have important results, involves constructing a house from prefabricated forms, and assembling the forms by use of a crane. This means, among other things, that the forms can be manufactured during the winter irregardless of the weather, and that entire rows of houses can be assembled in the spring in a very short time.

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